THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were five incidents of fire in Ist class/IInd class passenger coaches at New Delhi Railway Station during the period Feb.'91 to July'91.

(b) Nobody was killed in these fire incidents. The estimated loss of property is about Rs. 6.77 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No Railway staff has been found at fault in these fire incidents.

[*English*]

Chanderpur Power Project

2975. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to fund the Chanderpur power project in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be completed and the quantum of power likely to be generated thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The World Bank has agreed to fund the installation of 2 units (Unit No. 5 & 6) of 500 MW each of the Chanderpur Thermal Power Project of Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB). The first unit was commissioned in March, 1991 and the 2nd unit is envisaged to be commissioned in February, 1992.

Information facilities at arrival lounges

2976. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps contemplated by the Indian Airlines for better information facilities at arrival lounges;

(b) whether the Government propose to make available the list of passengers on incoming flights;

(c) whether all the major airports have fax, telex and STD phone facilities; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve such passengers information service at the airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Flight information in arrival lounge is provided through display boards, customer service counter, announcements over public address system and CCTV.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). All major airports have STD phone facilities. While fax and telex services are presently available at the five international airports, such facilities are planned to be provided at 10 other airports. Flight information of Indian Airlines is also made available in teletext over Doordarshan in Delhi and by auto answering machines on three digits in Delhi and Bombay. The flight information facilities are being constantly upgraded.

Dispute between Indian Airlines and Airbus Industrie over Airbus A-320 deal

2977. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and Airbus Industrie of France are involved in a dispute over the increased cost of the Airbus A-320 due to delay in taking its delivery;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to settle the matter; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking delivery thereof?